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SFBJ: TURK MILITARY-POLITICAL INTENTIONS

1. TURK MILITARY HAS MADE NO RPT NO EFFORT SUBSTANTIALLY TO ENLARGE TERRITORY UNDER ITS CONTROL. OPERATIONS DURING PAST 48 HOURS APPEAR PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO SOLIDIFY HOLD ON TO AREA ALREADY SEIZED WHILE REDUCING REMAINING POCKETS OF GREEK CYPRIOT RESISTANCE BEHIND TURK MILITARY LINES. REPORTED ACTION AT AYIOS EPIKTITOS WOULD STRENGTHEN TURKS DEFENSIVE POSITION IN NORTHEASTERN SZCTION THEIR AREA (AS WELL AS GIVING THEM CAPABILITY MOVE OVER NEW KYRENIA ROAD INTO MESAORIA IF THEY SO DESIRE).

2. THUS FAR, GIVEN MILITARY CAPABILITIES, TURK MILITARY HAS DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE RESTRAINT. WITH FORCES NOW

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ON GROUND, TCEY COULD QUICKLY TAKE ANY REASONABLE MILITARY

OBJECTIVE. FORAYS IN DIRECTION OF MYRTOU ETC. CLEARLY DESIGNED DEMONSTRATE PRECISELY THIS POINT.

3. FACT THEY HAVE NOT RPT NOT SOUGHT CLEAR CUT MILITARY VICTORY INDICATES GOTURKEY DESIRE FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, BUT SETTLEMENT BASED ON THEIR TERMS. WE SUSPECT OUTLINES TURKISH THINKING ON THESE TERMS ARE THOSE SPELLED OUT IN ECEVIT'S JULY 28 PRESS CONFERENCE (ANKARA 5992). HAVING COMMITTED SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY FORCES (AND ENORMOUS AMOUNT NATIONAL PRESTIGE), WE DOUBT WHETHER TURKS CAN BACK DOWN NOW.

4. OUR GUESS IS TURKS ARE IN NO RPT NO HURRY ACHIEVE DEFINITIVE SOLUTION, THOUGH THEY DO APPEAR ANXIOUS TO LEGITIMIZE EXPANDED PRESENCE. BELIEVE THEY ARE WILLING TO WAIT FOR FAIRLY EXTENDED PERIOD TO LET REALITIES OF CHANGED SITUATION SINK IN. (PRIOR TO INVASION, DENKTASH ADVOCATED LANDING LARGE NUMBER TURKISH TROOPS IN SBA'S AND THEN NEGOTIATING FROM POSITION OF STRENGTH (NICOSIA 1500). BRITS APPARENTLY HAVING REJECTED THIS, TURKISH FORCES NOW BASED ON KYRENIA. CONCEPT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO HAVE CHANGED.)

5. DANGER WILL COME IF GREEKS WALK OUT IN GENEVA. IN THIS EVENT, TURKS UNDOUBTABLY WILL GO FOR MILITARY SOLUTION AND THEY WILL MOVE QUICKLY. TURK DEMANDS FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ARE INDEED HARSH BUT THEY ARE LESS ODIUS THAN PROBABLE RESULT OF ANY MILITARYHXAMPAIGN.

6. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRY GET GREEK GOVT FOCUS ON PROBABLE TURKISH OBJECTIVES RATHER THAN ON MILITARY BUILDUP. THERE SIMPLY IS NO WAY ATHENS CAN COUNTER AT THIS LATE DATE TURKISH MILITARY FORCES ALREADY ON ISLAND. GOGREECE IS FACED WITH TWO CHOICES: IT CAN NEGOTIATE FROM POSITION OF WEAKNESS, CONCEDING MOST TURK DEMANDS, OR TI CAN GO TO WAR. IN LATTER EVENT, AS VLACHOS NOTED (STATE 164027), GREECE WILL SURELY LOSE, WITH UNPREDICTABLE RESULTS FOR NATO, FOR THE U.S., CYPRUS AND FOR GREECE HERSELF. CAUSE OF WAR WOULD CERTAINLY BE LOST MILITARILY. ATHENS SHOULD BE FORCED TO FACE CONSEQUENCES OF TAKING PRECIPITATE ACTION SOLELY TO SATISFY GREEK HONOR.

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7. ECEVIT'S PROPOSAL FOR SUMMIT MEETING STRIKES US AS IDEA WORTH PRUSUING. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE KARAMALIS TO ACCEPT. AT SAME TIME, WE THINK IT IMPERATIVE WE TRY TO GET ECEVIT TO SCALE DOWN TURKISH DEMANDS. ECEVIT MUST REALIZE THERE IS POINT BEYOND WHICH GREECE CKFNOT BE PUSHED WITHOUT PRECIPITATING COURSE OF EVENTS WHICH WILL REBOUND TO TURKEY'S ULTIMATE DISADVANTAGE.

8. SEEMS CERTAIN ANY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WILL BE ONE FAVORABLE TO TURKEY. BY REDUCING THEIR DEMANDS THEY CAN ACHIEVE THEIR ESSENTIAL GOALS (PROTECTION OF TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AND DENIAL OF ISLAND TO GREEK MAINLAND FORCES) WITHOUT FURTHER BLOODSHED AND WITHOUT DESTROYING AN ALLIANCE WHICH OFFERS TURKEY CONSIDERABLE PROTECTION. ECEVIT MUST BE BROUGHT TO REALIZE THAT IF HE PURSUES HIS CURRENT COURSE TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION, THE BIGGEST WINNER IS LIKELY TO BE SOVIET UNION. THIS SHOULD GIVE PAUSE TO NATION WHICH HAS HISTORICALLY FACED RUSSION BEAR, AT TIMES ALONE.
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